Kanpur by the Industrial Units; if so, the details of such units and corrective action taken/proposed to be taken by the local authorities under the Ganga Action Plan; and

(b) whether any action would be taken against the habitual defaulters; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Of the 21 identified gross polluting industrial units located at Kanpur 14 have set setupEffluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) which are operative. Of these, performance of two units is still under evaluation, one needs further codification and the remaining ETPs have been found to be working satisfactorily. Two units have closed down.

Apart from these, there is a cluster of 166 tanneries in the Jammu area of Kanpur which are highly pollutive. A common conveyance and treatment scheme has been taken up under the Ganga Action Plan with the assistance of the Netherland's Government, to collect, convey and treat the effluents from this cluster of tanneries which are also required to carry out pretreatment of their effluents.

Legal action has been taken against 17 tanneries in this cluster who have not yet established primary treatment facilities and eight tanneries have closed down. Attempt was made to disconnect water and electric supply to ten units but they have obtained stay orders from the Court.

Action would be taken against habitual defaulters as has been in the past as indicated above and which would include action under the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Special drive for SC/ST in services

3057. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of special drive launched to fill up the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes in services;

(b) what are the areas for which suitable candidates from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are difficult to find or could not be found as yet; and

(c) how Government propose to fill up such vacancies?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The Special Recruitment Drive launched by the Government to fill up backlog of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on 31.8.90 is in progress. The target date for completion of the drive is 31-10-1990.

3058. (Transferred to the 6th September, 1990).

Reservations to Economically Backward among the Reserved Classes

3059. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the beneficiaries under the reservations in services and educational institutions for Scheduled Castes and backward classes are from wealthy and educated sections of these castes; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to take any legislative and administrative steps to ensure that the benefits of these reservations reach the economically backward among these classes?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS